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4/4/2011 TO: Council Budget Committee, City and County of Honolulu

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Please amend Bills 12 and Bill 30 as described below:

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Amend "Livestock Production" to read :

Livestock Production means the raising, breeding, pasturing and housing of animals including but not limited to cattle, horses, sheep, swine, goats and poultry for food, the production of food, byproducts or use.

Amend "Agricultural Use" to read:

"Agricultural Use" means the active , commercial and primary, sustainable use of land for aquaculture, crop production, livestock production [and], grazing of animals used in livestock production, [and] grazing of animals used in livestock production, and horse boarding and stabling.

Add "Sustainable Use/Agriculture"

"Sustainable Use/Agriculture" means an integrated system of plant and animal production processes having a site specific application according to the 1990 "Farm Bill" [Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (FACTA), Public Law 101-624, Title XVI, Subtitle A, Section 1603 (Government Printing Office, Washington, DC, 1990) NAL Call # KF1692.A31 1990].

Amend Bill 30 Section C to read:

For land dedicated for a pasture use or grazing of animals for a period five or ten years, the land shall be assessed at one percent of its fair market value. [Only Ag-1, Ag-2 and P-2 zoned properties may be dedicated for a pasture use or grazing of animals].

I wish Committee & Council to reflect that R017 8-7.3 Ag Dedication originated as a pledge by owner to protect Ag land with tax relief as a consideration given by City. It is now a subsidy to selected uses not a vehicle for protecting Ag lands.

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